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AMEMBASSY RANGOON

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

USIA WASHDC

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CINCEUR

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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - DECEMBER 3, 1976

1. U.S. COVERAGE:

-- PRAVDA REPORTS FAVORABLE COMMENTS FROM SEVERAL U.S. BUSINESSMEN ON BREZHNEV'S NOV 30 SPEECH AND ADVANTAGES OF IMPROVED U.S.- SOVIET TRADE RELATIONS.

-- PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS WASHINGTON ITEM ON PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S STATEMENT TO THE SFRC THAT HE WOULD DEVOTE "PRIORITY ATTENTION" TO SALT. TASS ALSO NOTES CARTER'S REFERENCE TO ALLEGED DIFFERENCES OVER SALT BETWEEN THE STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS AND ALSO IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES A TASS WASHINGTON ITEM ON A U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT STORY ABOUT ANTI-CASTRO "TERRORISM" BY CUBAN EXILE GRPS IN MIAMI, OSTENSIBLY SUPPORTED BY THE CIA.

2. IN OTHER COVERAGE:

-- CENTRAL PRESS FRONT-PAGES COVERAGE OF ONE-DAY DECEMBER 2 ZHIKOV VISIT TO PRESENT BREZHNEV WITH BULGARIAN MEDALS FOR 70TH BIRTHDAY, ON PATTERN ESTABLISHED BY HUSAK NOVEMBER 2. RECEPTION WAS "EXCEPTIONALLY" WARM, AND ZHIKOV WAS EFFUSIVE, BUT TRIP ACTUALLY SEEMED UNEXCEPTIONAL OF ALL COUNTS.

-- POLITBURO STATEMENT ON RESULTS OF BREZHNEV TRIP TO ROMANIA CONTINUES CHISELLING PROCESS EVIDENT IN STATEMENT ON YUGOSLAV TRIP DECEMBER 2, WITH STRESS ON THINGS SOVIETS LIKED AND OMISSION OR DOWNGRADING OF OTHERS. POLITBURO "EXPRESSED SATISFACTION" AT RESULTS OF BELGRADE TALKS, "HIGHLY EVALUATED" THOSE IN BUCHAREST (SEPTTEL).

-- CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES SHORT, FACTUAL NOTE ON ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM.

-- IZVESTIYA HAS ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT A. AKHMEDZYANOV DESCRIBING ECONOMIC DOCUMENTS SIGNED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON CONCLUSION OF 7TH SESSION OF SOVIET-IRANIAN COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

-- PRAVDA TASS BEIRUT ARTICLE SAYS THAT NORMALIZATION OF LEBANESE SITUATION NOW PERMITS WORK IN "COMPLICATED TASK" OF ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION.

-- CENTRAL PRESS CONTAINS MANY ARTICLES ON

OCCASION OF TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF CUBAN ARMED FORCES,  
NONE OF WHICH SEEM TO CONTAIN ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE.

-- PRAVDA (TASS NY) REPORTS UNGA APPROVAL OF  
WIDERANGING COMPLEX OF 15 RESOLUTIONS ON DECOLONIALIZATION  
SUPPORTING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE  
OF GUAM, FRENCH SOMALIA (DJIBOUTI), BRUNEI, EAST TIMOR  
AND BELIZE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.  
RESOLUTION PROVISIONS FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF MILITARY  
BASES ON GUAM AND IN FRENCH SOMALIA AND THE REMOVAL OF  
FOREIGN TROOPS FROM EAST TIMOR ALSO NOTED. U.S. TOGETHER  
WITH LEADING WESTERN COUNTRIES PAINTED IN LONELY OPPOSITION.

-- PRAVDA REPORTS STATEMENT OF FRENCH FONMIN  
DE GUIRINGAUD ON IMPORTANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS  
WITH USSR AND AIN THIS CONTEXT ANNOUNCES INVITATION TO  
BREZHNEV TO VISIT FRANCE AT "APPROPRIATE MOMENT."

--SEPARATE, LONG DISCURSIVE ARTICLE BY  
PRAVDA'S GEORGIY RATIANI LOOKS NOSTALGICALLY AT FRENCH  
COMMUNISTS WHILE COMPLETELY IGNORING PRESENT LEADERSHIP.  
MITTERAND AND GISCARD GET MENTION IN FAVORABLE CONTEXTS  
AND THOREZ AND THE OLD BOYS ARE MEMORIALIZED. ARTICLE  
HAS A DISTINCT "AH, FOR THE GOOD OLD DAYS"  
RING TO IT.

-- PRAVDA PLAYS UP UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE PASSAGE  
OF MDW AND NFZ RESOLUTIONS AS VICTORY FOR SOVIETS WHO  
INTRODUCED THE ONE AND STRONGLY SUPPORTED OTHER.

-- IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT A SUPREME SOVIET  
DELEGATION, LED BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN MATCHANOV, WAS  
WARMLY GREETED IN RANGOON ON DECEMBER 1.  
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